



## Summer Food Service Program



### Bulletin

#### *Child Nutrition Programs*

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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

#### Additional Topics:

- USDA Turnip the Beet Awards, Deadline Extended
- Alaska Local Lunch Day
- Upcoming Webinars & Conference Calls

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**Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.**

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#### Additional Topics

- **USDA Turnip the Beet Awards: High Quality Meals in the Summer Meal Programs – Deadline Extended!**

The Turnip the Beet Award, by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The award is open to all sponsors. There are three award levels available: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Sponsors of SFSP and the NSLP's SSO are eligible to apply. Sponsors can submit a self-nomination or be nominated by another party.

See overview and nomination form attachments for more information. We will be accepting nominations through **December 16, 2016**. See [Bulletin issue 2016-14](#) for nomination forms.

- **Alaska Local Lunch Day October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Is your program participating in Local Lunch Day on October 24<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Food Day by serving a food item that was grown or harvested in Alaska? If yes, you could receive the special prize of a Sunkist Sectionizer (valued at \$250.00).





Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJ887HL> and complete the survey **by November 30, 2016** to have your agency or school's name entered into the drawing.

For more information, please contact:  
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- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- FRAC – Reducing Food Waste and Serving Kid-Friendly Meals, **Thursday, November 3rd, 9:00AM AST** Reducing food waste and serving fresh, kid-friendly meals is an important part of any successful Summer Nutrition Program. Advocates across the country are working together in innovative ways to reduce food waste and ensure high-quality meals are being served at summer sites. From farm to summer initiatives to better vendor relations to nutrition education, learn how you can make this summer even healthier for the children in your community.

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## Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program  
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs  
WRO – Western Region Office  
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services  
FNSRO-Food & Nut. Services Reg. Office  
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
EED – Education & Early Development  
DEC – Department of Conservation  
LEA – Local Education Agency



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